

**REMARKS**

The indication of the Allowability of claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 18 is noted with appreciation. Those claims should now be allowed. In the connection, the rejection of claims 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2 is deemed moot in light of the rewriting of claim 6 into independent form so as to include the feature of allowable claim 7.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 as being anticipated by Westphal under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is traversed, and reconsideration of that rejection is respectfully requested.

The Westphal collapsible antenna neither teaches nor suggests that the upper inner edges of the panels are to be partially deflected or bent to minimize the envelope. This is not surprising given the fact that the panels used in the antenna reflector of the present invention are thin sheets which are capable of such deflection or bending whereas the panels in the Westphal antenna are self-supporting.

Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-3, 8-10, 13, 14, 16 17, 19 and 20 is earnestly solicited.


If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

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